

OPINION 1383

APIS PILIPES FABRICIUS, 1775 (INSECTA, HYMENOPTERA):
DESIGNATED AS TYPE SPECIES OF *MEGILLA* FABRICIUS, 1805

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type species hitherto made for the nominal genus *Megilla* Fabricius, 1805 are hereby set aside and *Apis pilipes* Fabricius, 1775 is designated as type species of that genus.

(2) The name *Macropis* Panzer, 1809 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Megilla labiata* Fabricius, [1805], is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *labiata* Fabricius, [1805], as published in the binomen *Megilla labiata* (specific name of the type species of *Macropis* Panzer, 1809) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Megilla* Fabricius, 1805, a junior objective synonym of *Anthophora* Latreille, 1803, by the type designation made under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2401

An application to change the type species of *Megilla* Fabricius, 1805, in order to protect the usage of *Macropis* Panzer, 1809, was first received from Professor C. D. Michener (*University of Kansas, U.S.A.*) on 23 November 1981. After correspondence a revised draft was sent to the printers on 20 July 1983 and published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 40, pp. 207–208. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to ten general and nine entomological serials. No comments were received. Soon after publication, however, the author became aware that the type for *Megilla* (*Apis acervorum*) was widely misidentified. Subsequently, a note proposing the designation of *Apis pilipes* Fabricius, 1775 as type species of *Megilla* was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 41, pp. 138–139; this would have the effect of making *Megilla* a junior objective synonym of *Anthophora* Latreille, 1803. Commissioners were asked to vote for or against this emended proposal and to place the specific name *pilipes* on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology. They were also asked to place the generic name *Macropis* Panzer, 1809 (see below) on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 16 September 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985) 45 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 40, p. 208 as emended in vol. 41, pp. 138–139. At the close of the voting period on 16 December 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-two (22) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Willink, Savage, Kabata, Mroczkowski, Corliss, Alvarado, Uéno, Hahn, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin, Zheng, Lehtinen, Schuster, Bernardi, Ride, Thompson, Halvorsen, Dupuis, Heppell

Negative Votes — none (0).

Cogger abstained. A late affirmative vote was returned by Bayer.

No votes were returned by Gruchy and Kraus.

In a comment, Thompson pointed out that Panzer, and not Klug, provided the description and published the name *Macropis*; this has therefore been cited as *Macropis* Panzer, 1809 and not as in the application.

Heppell drew attention to Direction 4 of the Commission (1954), which had already placed the name *pilipes* on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology (Opinion 151 had designated *Apis pilipes* Fabricius, 1775 as type species of *Anthophora* Latreille, 1803). Heppell also mentioned that Professor Michener (*Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 41, p 139) had said that *A. pilipes* is a junior synonym of *A. plumipes* Pallas, 1772, but the Commission's vote did not consider this question, and the designation of *A. pilipes* rather than of *A. plumipes* as type species of *Megilla* leaves that genus as a junior objective synonym of *Anthophora* even if the two species should prove to be different.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

labiata, *Megilla*, Fabricius, [1805] *Systema Piezatorum*, p. 333

Macropis Panzer, 1809, *Fauna Insectorum Germanicae initia* . . . heft 107, tab 16

Megilla Fabricius, [1805], *Systema Piezatorum*, p. 328.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1985) 45 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1383.

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